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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

As a current customer with competitive Fiber to the Node (FTTN) service, and one that previously benefitted from open competition through DSL, I implore you to keep broadband access open and competitive between ISPs. The Telco / Cable duopoly is not serving customers well, as evidenced by the increased speeds by which fiber deployments happened in markets where they faced a competitive threat from a deep-pocketed opponent (Google).

However, most competitive ISPs are not as well-financed as Google Fiber was (RIP), so consumers still need the open playing field that exists.

Please don't stifle consumer choice. Please keep broadband access open and competitive.

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